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## McKinleyville looks to add new micro-transit

Jack Durham

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**McKINLEYVILLE** – Transportation experts are recommending that McKinleyville have more frequent bus service for out-of-town travel and a couple of Uber-like vehicles to help people get around in town.

The proposals are included in an interim *McKinleyville Transit Study* prepared by the Western Transportation Institute at Montana State University in conjunction with Colin Fiske, executive director of Humboldt's Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities.

McKinleyville is now served by the Redwood Transit System, with northbound and southbound buses picking up riders at bus stops once an hour from roughly 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (All of the bus stops and departure times can be viewed at [hta.org/agencies/redwood-transit-system/](http://hta.org/agencies/redwood-transit-system/).)

To make it more convenient for people traveling from McKinleyville to other communities such as Arcata and Eureka, the study recommends that the frequency of stops be increased to every half an hour. This would reduce

wait times, specially for those who miss their bus and now have to wait an hour for the next one.

Redwood Transit runs buses with stops on Central Avenue, with spurs out to McKinleyville High School and the California Redwood Coast – Humboldt County Airport.

This leaves many residents of the sprawling community a half mile, a mile or even further away from the nearest bus stop.

Rather than create an in-town fixed-route bus system, the study recommends what's called a microtransit system. One or two vehicles with drivers would be available and could be booked online or with an app.

It would be like Uber, but significantly less expensive because the microtransit vehicles would be part of the Redwood Transit System, which charges a \$2.10 fare for its buses.

The microtransit vehicles would shuttle passengers to and from their destinations in town or could take them to a bus stop, where they could take Redwood Transit north or south.

The microtransit option would cost about

TRANSIT ♦ PAGE 3



**NEVER FORGOTTEN** Those lost in service to America were remembered over the Memorial Day weekend. Left, a sign designating the Kevin R. Ebbert SO1 Navy SEAL Memorial Highway was adorned with U.S. flags. Ebbert, an Arcata resident, was lost in Afghanistan in November 2012. Right, the 26th Annual Trinidad Memorial Ceremony took place Sunday, honoring those lost and buried at sea in front of the Memorial Wall at Edwards and Trinity streets. Top right, Trinidad Civic Club Co-President Dana Hope led the flag salute; Command Master Chief Keith M. Naker, Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay; the reading of the 268 Memorial Names by Trinidad Civic Club Recording Secretary Janine Volkmar; Trinidad Mayor Steve Ladwig rang the Trinidad Head Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage Bell; and Trinidad Civic Club Historian Patti Fleschner read "Blessed Are They That Mourn" by William Cullen Bryant. LEFT PHOTO BY MARK RITZ; RIGHT PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

## Anti-vaxxers taunt Mck High students

Jack Durham

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**McKINLEYVILLE** – During a vaccination clinic Friday afternoon, May 28 at McKinleyville High School, anti-vaccine protesters taunted students, called them Nazis and falsely claimed that they were being sterilized.

Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies were called to the scene after a school nurse was allegedly threatened by a man wearing a red clown nose.

"It was gnarly," said Johnny Kell, the school nurse for the Northern Humboldt Union High School District, which oversees McKinleyville, Arcata, Pacific Coast, Six Rivers Charter and Mad River high schools.

Friday's vaccination clinic, held in Mack High's gym in conjunction with



**BOZO ADVICE** Offering a classic "wake up sheeple"-type conspiracy theorist slogan, a man wearing a red clown nose protested against students getting vaccinated for COVID-19. VIA FACEBOOK

Open Door Clinic, was the second clinic held at the school on Murray Road. Another clinic was held three weeks prior.

On Friday, some of the students were getting their second Pfizer shot, giving them protection against COVID-19, which has killed 594,000 people in the United States as of May 29. Worldwide, 3.5 million people have died of COVID-19, according to the World Health Organization.

All students under 18 years of age are required to have parental permission before getting the vaccine.

"We timed it so they could do prom and graduation," Kell said about the vaccinations.

Kell said he was at Arcata High

ANTI-VAX ♦ PAGE 4

## COVID risk to increase for the unvaccinated

Wilson: Boost vaccination

Daniel Mintz

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**HUMBOLDT** – The county's health officer has said that after June 15, when coronavirus restrictions are lifted statewide, unvaccinated people will be even more vulnerable to COVID-19 and protection will shift from a public health response to personal action.

Local status of the global pandemic was updated at a May 25 news conference which began with a sobering report from county Public Information Officer Meriah Miracle.

The county has the state's highest COVID-19 test positivity rate at seven percent as well as the state's highest case rate of 12.2 cases per 100,000 residents, she said.

COVID ♦ PAGE 4

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Airport (PHX).

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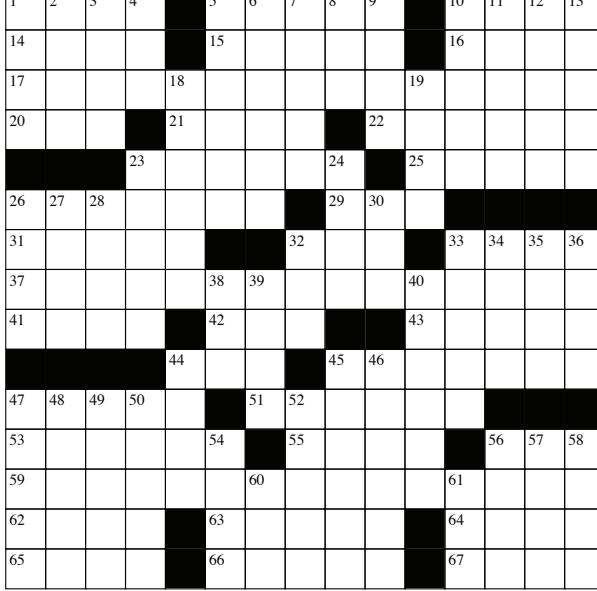
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- Small store
- TV's "American \_\_"
- Units of force
- Opening
- Succeed in doing what is expected
- 90° from NWW
- Within: pref.
- Take one's blue pencil out again
- Actor Tom
- Beasts of burden
- Gave a new title to
- Mongrel
- Excuse
- Fem. address
- Helper: abbr.
- Teasing technique
- Chemical ending
- Purpose
- Ore seeker
- Canadian prov.
- Remain furious inside
- To no \_\_: uselessly
- Grand residence
- Let
- Many an Eastern European
- One of two body parts
- Emergency refuge
- Which: Sp.
- Made public
- Opera solo
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- Run-down
- William or Sean

### DOWN

- Cover up
- Biblical garden
- Part
- Mr. Wallach
- Fifth \_\_
- Base; ignoble
- Certain singers
- Ultimate degree
- River through Belgium
- Loafers and others
- Head coverings
- Nostalgic song
- Annoying people
- Mice, e.g.
- Toothed wheel
- Plotting group
- Light color
- Marathon
- Zesty spirit
- Philippine fern
- Ship letters
- Family member
- Sprightly
- Beach surface
- Pintail duck
- Region: abbr.
- Rather, for one
- Tiny insect
- Sheds crocodile tears
- Mishmash
- Pelted
- Sickness
- Speedily
- Location of a trial
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## Students awarded scholarships

### TRINIDAD CIVIC CLUB

TRINIDAD — Dylan Gonzalez from McKinleyville High School and Isabelle Ely from North Coast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy are the winners of the Trinidad Civic Club's Carmen and James Kidder Academic Scholarships for 2021.

Dylan Gonzalez was the highest academically ranked student at McKinleyville High School for all of his four years there so it is no wonder that he received multiple academic awards including the "Advanced Placement with Honor" and the "Golden State Merit Award."

His teachers saw him as not only an intellectually gifted, but also an independent thinker whose passion for learning and compassion for others made him a distinctive student.

Dylan likes to bring together people with different ambitions to speak their minds, find common



**SERIOUS SCHOLARS** Dylan Gonzalez, senior at McKinleyville High School, and Isabelle Ely, senior at North Coast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy, were awarded a 2021 Trinidad Civic Club Academic Scholarship.

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ground and accomplish shared goals. As class president for three years, he spearheaded fund raising events that brought in around \$12,000.

While he played varsity soccer from his sophomore year and was named most improved player two years in a row, he also helped his coach develop the skills and confidence of the younger side of the team through JV games.

He was active in the school's Black Student Union which promotes equity and inclusion. He found he had a talent for

acting after joining the school Drama Club.

Dylan has been active in his church and works part-time to help support his large bilingual, bicultural blended family.

He has been accepted into the TV and screen writing program at the University of Southern California.

Isabelle Ely chose to complete the challenging International Baccalaureate program as well as earn her school's Artist Diploma for Violin.

This year she won the Humboldt County office of Education's Academic Achievement Award. In addition to being a brilliant, organized and highly motivated student, Isabelle has served her school and community in truly diverse ways.

She and her family have hosted five international exchange students and one in-

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# These 'ghosts' are all around us

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
HUMBOLDT — The Humboldt County Historical Society continues its lecture series on Saturday, June 5 at 2:30 p.m.

The lecture, "Timber Industry Ghosts," will be presented by author Jeff Moore, based on his book of the same title published in 2019. The lecture will be hosted via Zoom by the Humboldt County Library and can be viewed from the safety and comfort of home on a personal computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.

The lecture will examine the remnants or "ghosts" of the timber industry in its many forms, from abandoned sawmill sites to stumps in the forest to static displays in city parks and museums to tourist attractions to geographic place names.

Taken together they tell the story of a way of life that, while it continues today, has radically changed from the old days. This lecture seeks to pres-



**REMNANTS OF YESTERYEAR** The Hammond Bayside Mill log dump.

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ent a variety of views of some of these remnants in or connected to northwest California, explaining their role both in history and the present day.

Moore grew up around the timber industry in northeastern California. His initial interest in railroads quickly spread to the role they played in the development of other industries, with a specific focus on

logging and lumbering especially in the dry pine regions of California and Oregon. He is a 1994 graduate of Burney Jr. Sr. High School and a 2000 graduate of Humboldt State University with a degree in range-land resource science.

The deadline to sign up for access to the lecture is 5 p.m. on Friday, June 4. Upon registration, participants will receive the meeting ID and password. Those interested in this lecture and others, can find information at the library website [humlib.org](http://humlib.org) by clicking on the calendar of events and finding the event listed on Saturday, June 5, 2021.

Assistance in signing up is available by phone at Humboldt County Library (707) 269-1915. Links to instructional YouTube videos for guidance in understanding how to access the zoom lecture are also available through the Humboldt County Library website.

## Transit | Public input wanted

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\$300,000 to \$400,000 a year to operate and would be paid for with transportation dollars allocated by the Humboldt County Association of Governments.

The study recommends that the microtransit service be operated as a pilot project for one to two years.

The proposal was discussed at the May 26 meeting of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC).

McKMAC member Kevin Dreyer said that one of the challenges will be getting people to consider not driving their own cars. He said this will require marketing of the service if it is approved.

The study indicates that McKinleyville is less walkable than comparable

communities such as Arcata, Eureka and Fortuna. McKinleyville residents are also more dependent on their vehicles.

The study says that 82.3 percent of McKinleyville commuters drive in their cars alone, compared to 56.1 percent in Arcata, 71.5 percent in Eureka and 79.8 percent in Fortuna. The average for all of Humboldt County is 71.3 percent.

David Kack, director and

program manager of the Western Transportation Institute, said that part of the marketing campaign would involve teaching people about the true cost of owning a car, which averages \$8,500 a year.

The report was prepared for the Humboldt County Association of Governments and the Humboldt Transit Authority, which operates the Redwood Transit System.

The study is being paid for with a \$53,000 grant

from the Small Urban, Rural and Tribal Center on Mobility at Montana State University, \$27,000 from the County of Humboldt and \$35,000 from HCAOG, according to HCAOG Executive Director Marcella May.

Before the study is finalized, its authors want to receive additional public input.

The full interim study, as well as a survey, can be found at [mckinleyville-transitsstudy.com](http://mckinleyville-transitsstudy.com).

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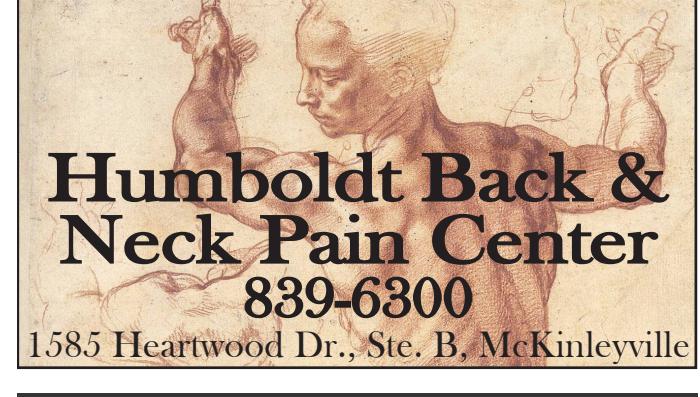
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## Cyanobacteria blooming in local rivers and lakes

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

MAD RIVER — Public Health officials are reminding residents to keep an eye out for cyanobacteria, also known as blue-green algae, while recreating at local rivers and lakes after samples with the toxin were collected at two locations on the Mad River.

The Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe confirmed Thursday that its Environmental Department collected the samples with cyanobacteria at a popular recreational location known as Pump Station 4 and just west of the Blue Lake Rancheria past the sewer ponds. The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board sampled Big Lagoon and Stone Lagoon where no cyanobacteria or toxins were detected, and no other locations have been sampled to date.

Typically, cyanobacteria warnings come out between late July and early August, coinciding with low flows and sustained high temperatures in the inland areas which may contribute to cyanobacteria growth in the river. However, this year's low level of rainfall and low river levels appears to be leading to an early season and increase in algal blooms in some locations.

Cyanobacteria can be present in any fresh water body, and looks like dark green, blue-green, black, orange or brown scum, foam or mats on the riverbed or floating on the water. Cyanobacteria can produce harmful compounds, such as toxins and taste and odor compounds, that cause health risks to humans and animals. Warm water and abundant nutrients can cause cyanobacteria to grow more rapidly than usual causing "blooms." These blooms are termed "harmful algal blooms."

In previous years, cyanobacteria was confirmed in some water bodies within Humboldt and surrounding counties, including the Mad River, South Fork Eel River, Van Duzen River, Trinity River, Big Lagoon, Stone Lagoon, Clear Lake and Lake Pillsbury. It is difficult to test and monitor the many lakes and miles of our local rivers. Most blooms in California contain harmless green algae, but it is important to stay safe and avoid contact.

While most cyanobacteria do not affect animals or people, some are capable of producing toxins that can be harmful to animals and humans. Dogs and children are most likely to be affected because of their smaller body size and tendency to stay in the water for longer periods of time.

Officials recommend the following guidelines for recreational users of freshwater areas:

- Keep children, pets and livestock from swimming in or drinking water containing algal scums or mats.

- Adults should also avoid wading and swimming in water containing algal blooms. Try not to swallow or inhale water spray in an algal bloom area.

- If no algal scums or mats are visible, you should still carefully watch young children and warn them not to swallow any water.

- Fish should be consumed only after removing the guts and liver and rinsing fillets in tap water.

- Never drink, cook with or wash dishes with water from rivers, streams or lakes.

- Get medical attention immediately if you think that you, your pet or livestock might have been poisoned by cyanobacteria toxins. Be sure to tell the doctor or veterinarian about possible contact with cyanobacteria or algal blooms.

- Join or support one of the many watershed and river organizations.

To learn more about cyanobacteria and harmful algal blooms, visit [mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/index.html](http://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/index.html).

To learn more about cyanobacteria and algae on the South Fork Eel River, visit [eelriverrecovery.org/algae](http://eelriverrecovery.org/algae).

To report a bloom, e-mail [CyanoHAB.Reports@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:CyanoHAB.Reports@waterboards.ca.gov) or call 844-729-6466 (toll free). Blooms can also be reported via the "bloomWatch" app which is available for free download on iTunes or Google play.

For information on conditions occurring within Humboldt County, contact the Division of Environmental Health at (707) 445-6215 or (800) 963-9241. Photos of suspected blooms can also be emailed to [envhealth@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:envhealth@co.humboldt.ca.us).

## County warned that drought is the 'new normal'

### Daniel Mintz

#### MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — Humboldt County is in moderate to severe drought but the Board of Supervisors has been advised to view the situation as something even more concerning — the steady advance of climate change.

At the May 25 board meeting, Supervisor Mike Wilson sponsored an agenda item titled "drought conditions and implications for fire risk and water availability." But in introducing the presentations, Wilson said, "Some are calling it drought but I think there are many of us who will say that we're getting into climate change — this is deeper of an issue than we've seen before."

Yurok Tribal Chairman Joe James called attention to a fish kill happening in the Klamath River and urged the county to approve an emergency proclamation.

Most of the state is in extreme drought. Representing the Karuk tribe, fisheries biologist and natural resources specialist Craig Tucker described this year's drought as part of a worrisome trend.

"I just want to make sure than no one thinks 2021 is another run of the mill drought situation," he said, adding that it's "particularly concerning."

The last two years have been "as dry as any two-year period since 1900," he continued, and only three two-year periods in the last 120 years have been hotter.

"What I'm going to suggest is what a lot of other experts are suggesting — that this is something more significant than a drought," Tucker said.

After detailing additional state statistics on hot and dry years in the last decade, Tucker concluded that "what we're living through here is not a drought but a new normal that's being driven by climate change."

Firefighting agencies and depart-

ments are bracing for a potentially disastrous summer and fall.

Kurt McCray, chief of CalFire's Humboldt/Del Norte unit, recounted last year's fiery autumn, when "five of the six largest fires in recorded California history were burning at the same time."

There's potential for an even more devastating repeat of that because "conditions this year are far worse than they were at this time last year."

McCray reported that so far this year, four times as many acres have burned than last year at this time.

Many of the county's residents live in the Humboldt Bay area and Chris Harris of the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District said the district's reservoir is still 99 percent full.

But she said dry conditions are affecting Mad River tributaries.

Ryan Derby of the county's Office of Emergency Services advised holding off on declaration of an emergency due to lack of state reimbursement funding for the costs involved.

But Supervisor Steve Madrone believes the situation is urgent and he pushed for declaring a countywide emergency ASAP.

Noting the condition of Mad River tributaries, Madrone said that "it's a false feeling of security with a full reservoir when in fact the lower river is drying up."

He added that the rest of the county is already entering a water emergency.

"The vast majority of the county's land base is experiencing severe drought and many rural water supply districts are getting very low on water and could easily be running out of water later this summer," he said. "And we've heard about all the fish kills on the Klamath, so we're in a really serious situation — now."

Regardless of the costs of declaring an emergency, "We need to do this, this is serious, this is not something that we should just be sitting around and talking about," he continued.

A public comment period included mix of opinions.

Well water use related to cannabis farming was flagged as an impact but Southern Humboldt cannabis farmer Thomas Mulder, who is a member of the county's Planning Commission, advised not to "make reactionary policy" in response.

Planning Director John Ford had said that the most recent version of the county's cannabis ordinance authorizes restriction of "any commercial cannabis activity" in certain circumstances, including drought and low flows in watershed areas.

His department is "exploring alternative legal sources of water to cultivators" but has not found what Ford described as "one good, clear path yet."

Supervisors disagreed on how and when to respond to the drought dilemmas but ultimately voted to form a task force to make recommendation and to have county staff issue community messaging and return with options, including establishing a new climate change resiliency staff position.

**GRAB-N-GO** Soroptimist of Arcata's Grab-n-Go ordering deadline is this Saturday, June 5 for its fundraising event taking place on Wednesday, June 9. Box meal options include pulled pork sandwich box, chicken salad plate, or kale salad box. All meals include sides and dessert for the price of \$15 each. Orders must be placed by Saturday, June 5. Pick-up is Wednesday, June 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Leavey Hall, 1730 Janes Rd. in Arcata. Orders and payment can be placed by mail to S.I. Arcata, P.O. Box 388, Arcata, CA 95518; or by email to [siarcata@soroptimist.net](mailto:siarcata@soroptimist.net). Payment through Venmo is available. For more information, please contact Patti Clinton at (707) 822-9494.

## COVID | Vaccination soon to be only protection option

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That's based on state monitoring, which lags a week.

COVID-19 hospitalizations have been averaging about one per day but Health Officer Dr. Ian Hoffman said there's confidence that surges of serious illness won't happen and "that's why we're opening up society again."

The state has set June 15 as a grand reopening of sorts, with all restrictions lifted except for the largest of gatherings. Hoffman urged those who haven't been vaccinated to do so before then.

### Personal responsibility

"Those protections that have been protecting us are going to go away," he said. "So we're shifting from a public health response of protecting the entire public to a personal responsibility of each individual needing to take the responsibility for their own health."

County Supervisor Mike Wilson joined the conference to promote vaccination. "We really need to move toward a higher percentage of our population to be vaccinated if we really want to be safe and not have the impasse that we've been seeing," he said.

He added, "Our numbers are not good and we're moving into a place where they're going to become even more dangerous — for unvaccinated people."

Wilson said the county's worst-in-the-state COVID-19 conditions are causing "real stress in the community."

Despite that, the county will reopen

with the rest of the state as restrictions are seen as being too impactful to continue. "We don't want to lock down society for any longer, we know the importance of getting back to normal," Hoffman said. "So the only tool we have left is vaccination."

He "put out a call to Humboldt County" to reach a goal of getting 75 percent of the population vaccinated by June 15.

"We have three more weeks to go and we have plenty of vaccine in Humboldt County," said Hoffman.

But throughout most of May, the county's vaccination rate inched up by only one to two percent per week.

As of May 30, about 40 percent of county residents were fully vaccinated. About 48 percent had gotten one shot of the Pfizer or Moderna two-dose vaccines.

The state's vaccination rate was at 51 percent. To boost it, lures are being dangled.

### Vax for the Win'

On May 27, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) launched its Vax for the Win campaign, which offers lottery and sweepstakes prizes and \$50 gift cards to those who get vaccinated.

Explaining lack of vaccination as the reason for Humboldt's poor disease containment, Hoffman said he doesn't expect it to change "anytime in the coming months unless we see a dramatic change in our vaccination rate."

Hoffman has total confidence in vac-

cines. He once said that annual booster shots are likely but asked during the news conference if people will need them, he said vaccine protection "appears to be much more long-lasting than we originally thought."

But Pfizer and Moderna scientists and CEOs have said their data is showing that third shots will be needed eight to 12 months after primary vaccination.

And the virus is behaving in unprecedented ways. During a May 27 virtual conference with investors, Moderna's CEO said the virus is mutating rapidly and while the company's vaccine is effective against the variants now circulating in the U.S., newly-emerging strains are "less susceptible to neutralization by our current vaccine."

A Moderna scientist warned that variants are now "emerging constantly, in real time."

The week ending on May 29 saw 89 more COVID-19 cases confirmed, a reduction from previous weeks.

But that's because of reduced testing, as the county's test positivity rate for the week was over 13 percent, which is exponentially higher than the statewide rate.

The week's case tally brought the county's total number to 4,285.

The week also saw seven more hospitalizations, bringing the county's total to 186. There was one COVID-19 death during week, of an elderly resident, bringing the death total to 43.

## Anti-vax | Anti-vaxxers holler 'Nazi, Nazi' at students seeking COVID-19 vaccination

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School Friday afternoon when he received a call that protesters had gathered at McKinleyville High and were confronting students as they entered the parking lot.

"I drove down and did my due diligence," Kell said.

Kell said that one student was driving a car and trying to enter the parking lot when protesters approached her vehicle and began shoving pamphlets in her face. Kell said the student couldn't see whether it was safe to continue driving, so her car was partially in the roadway and she waited for protesters to move.

"They're creating a dangerous environment," Kell said. "I was pissed that they were harassing students."

Kell said that when he confronted the protesters, a maskless woman approached him with her mouth wide open. "The first threat was a woman walking at me and threatening to stick her

tongue down my throat," said Kell, who added that he retreated back inside the school when this happened.

Another protester wearing a red clown nose allegedly threatened to hunt down the school nurse and kill him.

"He said he was going to find me in the community and kill me," Kell wrote on the McKinleyville Community Watch Facebook page. "When I informed him that he should not have said that and told a sheriff deputy that he said it he came over and said 'oh I just said I was going to find him in the community and give him COVID by breathing on him.' That's definitely not what he said at first but I'm not sure his revision makes it any better."

Kell said that he called law enforcement and deputies arrived. Kell said he asked to report the threats, but a deputy refused and called his actions immature.

"I was upset and I was telling

them why I was upset because they were harassing my kids," Kell said.

In a video shot by protester Elaine Zeigler and posted on Facebook, Kell is shown standing behind a chainlink fence holding a sign stating "Free Vaccine Today." Kell and Zeigler debate the vaccine and trade barbs.

"Where do you get your information?" Kell says to Zeigler.

At one point, she responds "Do you hear how condescendingly you're talking to me?"

Holding his sign above his head, Kell says "It makes me so happy that I get to counter you guy's weird lies with a free vaccine. I love it! I love everything about it. It's so amazing."

Zeigler responds "Are you like on something. You seem like you're on coke or something."

"Now you are going to accuse me of being on something?" Kell says.

"It seems like you are," Zeigler says.

"How rude is that?" Kell says.

"You're the one being rude," Zeigler says.

"I'm being rude?" Kell responds.

"Yeah, you're being rude," Zeigler says.

"How am I being rude?" Kell says.

"Do you not hear yourself speaking?" Zeigler says.

Kell and Zeigler can be heard often speaking over each other as they debate the vaccine's safety and question each other's information sources.

Zeigler's Facebook page identifies the protesters as being part of a group called Stand Up Humboldt.

"Our group Stand Up Humboldt will be at McKinleyville High today at 3:30 speaking out against a mass v clinic being held there this afternoon," states a May 25 posting by Zeigler on her Facebook page.

"Students are being coerced into taking this experimental in jekt shun [sic]. Please

join us in taking a stand for our youth!"

The protesters reportedly told students that the vaccine would sterilize them. They were also called Nazis, and one student was called a pedophile.

"As students arrived to get vaccinated two of the protesters chanted 'Nazi Nazi.' I interviewed a student with their permission afterwards and they said the protester called him a Jew with Bill Gates microchips inside of them," Kell wrote on Facebook.

"I'm frustrated that this is the example adults are setting for our young people and as their school nurse I will fight like hell to make sure they get safe and accurate information about the vaccine," Kell stated.

According to John Hopkins Medicine, "The COVID-19 vaccine will not affect fertility... Getting COVID-19, on the other hand, can have potentially serious impact on pregnancy and the mother's health."

# HUMBOLDT CRABS



**CRABS ARE BACK** Volunteers prepare the beer booth, left, and concession stand for the season. MATT FILAR | UNION

## Like peas in a pod at Arcata Ball Park

Janine Volkmar

MAD RIVER UNION

For the first eight games of the 2021 season for the Humboldt Crabs, seating will be in pods. And tickets must be purchased online.

"It's always just been, 'Hey let's go to a Crabs game' but things are going to be different," MaryEllen Barthman, Crabs board member explained.

"This takes away the spontaneity, but, hey, there's going to be baseball!"

Barthman, who is also treasurer of the organization, "maybe the Money Honey," has been working night and day on the ticketing system.

It was the only way the Crabs could have a season and still comply with COVID-19 restrictions.

"Every seat will be socially distanced and tickets will be sold in pods," she said. Pods come in ones, twos, fours, and fives and vary in price by location.

"Fans can go online, pick tickets (and pod location), pay by credit card, print out tickets at home, and the tickets will be scanned at the ballpark."

### UPCOMING HUMBOLDT CRABS GAMES

- ❖ Friday, June 4 at 7 p.m.: Lincoln Potters (Opening Day!)
- ❖ Saturday, June 5 at 7 p.m.: Lincoln Potters (Cowbell Night)
- ❖ Sunday, June 6 at 12:30 p.m.: Lincoln Potters (Harry Potter Day)
- ❖ Tuesday, June 8 at 7 p.m.: Seals Baseball (Dollar Dogs)
- ❖ Wednesday, June 9 at 7 p.m.: Seals Baseball (Wine Wednesday)

[humboldtcrabs.com](http://humboldtcrabs.com)

For the first eight games, from opening day June 4 through Sunday, June 13, the attendance will be held at 25 percent of the usual capacity. Fans

will be like peas in the pro-  
verbial pod.

"You have to stay in your pod," Barthman said. But after ordering food and beverages by smartphone, a member of the pod can go to the concession area

to pick up the order.

The situation may improve after the Crabbies go on a road trip on June 25. By the time the team gets back, there may be walk-up sales, season passes, even easier and more seating. Fingers crossed!

Barthman is hoping that folks will understand the restrictions.

"I told people last year that to cancel the Crabs season was like a death in the family," she said.

Questions about tickets or pods? Check the website, [humboldtcrabs.com](http://humboldtcrabs.com).

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'THE RAGMAN' Pete Villarreal as many remember him from his Arcata days. UNION FILE PHOTO

## Pete Villarreal laid to rest in Oregon

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HERMISTON, ORE. — Former Arcata resident and friend to many, Pete Villarreal, was laid to rest this week in his home town of Hermiston, Ore. Pete passed away Saturday, May 22, 2021.

A public viewing was to be held for those wishing to pay respects Tuesday, June 1 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Burns Mortuary in Hermiston.

An obituary for Pete appears on the mortuary's website, where condolences and memories may be shared.

Today, Wednesday, June 2 at 9:30 a.m., a Rosary service will be held, followed at 10 a.m. by Mass at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church. Burial will take place at Hermiston Cemetery.

Pete's sister, Alma Villarreal, expressed her gratitude to Arcata-area friends of Pete during the many years he roamed its streets and byways. "Thanks for loving him," Alma said. "He loved everyone he encountered there, and never forgot. I know those were the best years of his life."

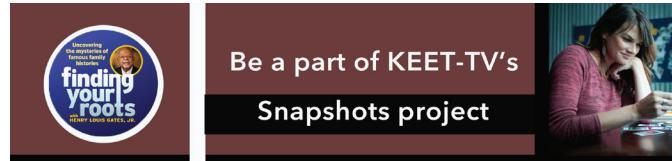


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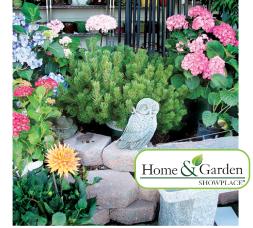
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## Arcata, Humboldt State launch new Humboldt Bike Share program

### CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA/HSU – The City of Arcata, in partnership with Humboldt State University, is excited to offer a new Humboldt Bike Share program for the community.

The city and HSU previously partnered with Zagster for Arcata's bike share program, which ceased operations nationwide in June of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new Humboldt Bike Share program will be operated by Tandem Mobility and annual memberships, HSU student memberships and pay as you go options are available.

The Humboldt Bike Share program is a safe, fun and affordable way to connect with the community, run errands, enjoy the city's public trails, create memorable experiences and form healthy transportation habits. Bikes can be reserved by downloading the free Movatic app and can be returned to any station in Arcata. Bikes come with a basket and a built-in lock that allows riders to secure bikes mid-trip without having to return them to designated stations.

Two bike stations can be found in Arcata on the Plaza on the corner of Ninth and G streets across the street from the Hotel Arcata, on the corner of G and Eighth streets outside of Cafe Brio, and two stations are available on HSU campus at Jolly Giant Commons and outside of Harry Griffith Hall.

The City of Arcata recognizes the benefits of bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation that reduces carbon emissions and has added health benefits for all community members, and will continue to work toward creating a safe place for bicyclists to visit, live, work and play.

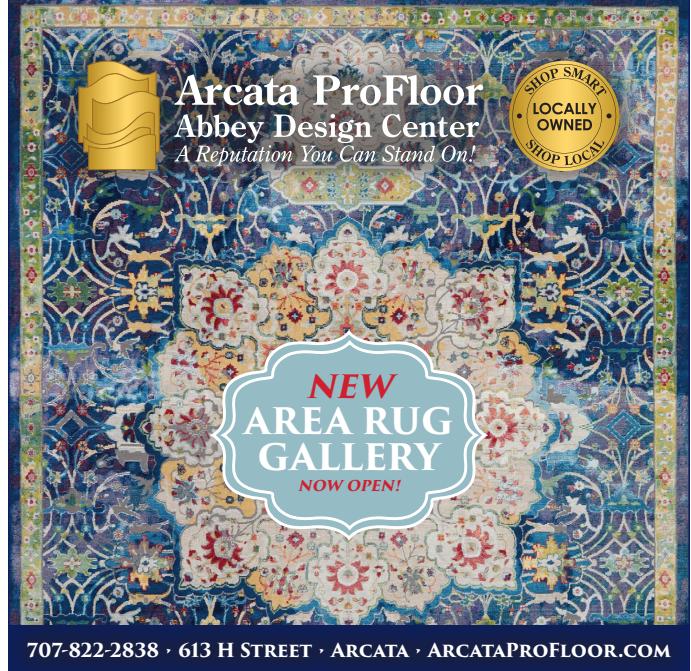


BIKE STATION On the Plaza.

CITY OF ARCATA PHOTO

Humboldt Bike Share program riders are encouraged to provide their own personal COVID-19 cleaning measures as they see fit both pre and post ride. This may include wiping down bikes with disinfectant wipes, using hand sanitizer and practicing good personal hygiene as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.

For more information on the new Humboldt Bike Share program, visit [tandem-mobility.com/humboldt](http://tandem-mobility.com/humboldt).



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**DRUNK DRIVING** Emergency vehicles and a suspect vehicle on the roadway at night.  
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## Dave's stop/go careen about ends with backwards crash into cop cruiser, DUI arrest

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MCKINLEYVILLE — On Tuesday, May 25 at about 9:46 p.m., a Humboldt County Sheriff's deputy on patrol in the area of Central Avenue and School Road in McKinleyville observed a vehicle stopped in the middle of the roadway.

As the deputy approached the vehicle to offer assistance, the vehicle accelerated and fled at a high rate of speed. The deputy pursued the vehicle for approximately 1.8 miles, observing the vehicle commit multiple vehicle code violations.

The vehicle yielded near Central and Horrell avenues, then



**David Andrew Niedrich**

began to back up at a high rate of speed, colliding with the deputy's patrol car.

Deputies conducted a high-risk traffic stop on the vehicle following the collision. The driver of the vehicle, 46-year-old David Andrew Niedrich, was detained.

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) was requested to respond to conduct a DUI evaluation and collision investigation.

Niedrich was later arrested by CHP officers and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and evading a peace officer.

## Murphy's Sunny Brae robbed

MAD RIVER UNION

SUNNY BRAE — Murphy's Sunny Brae Market was robbed Sunday morning, May 23 just after 9 a.m. According to Arcata Police, a man who had his hand in his pocket gave a note to the checker demanding all the money out of the till. No weapon was directly observed.

The checker complied, and the man was last seen headed northbound on Bayside Road. Police Chief Brian Ahearn said a vehicle description may provide leads.

The suspect was described as a thin, masked white male adult wearing a black hat and black sweatshirt, 5 feet, 5 inches tall.

Ahearn said the employee was "pretty shook up." The amount of the loss wasn't immediately disclosed.

## Low-cost rabies vax clinics

H/DN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE — The Humboldt-Del Norte Veterinary Medical Association is sponsoring low-cost canine rabies vaccination clinics through mid-July.

During the clinics, dog vaccinations are \$10 each. Other canine and feline vaccinations will also be available. The cost of these vaccines will vary with each clinic.

Dogs are required by state law to be vaccinated at 4 months, with a booster one year later and then every three years thereafter. Cats aren't required by law to be vaccinated. However, it is highly recommended as they frequently interact with wildlife.

Questions about rabies can be directed to the Humboldt County DHHS Environmental Health Division at (707) 445-6215 or toll free at (800) 963-9241.

The rabies clinic schedule for 2021 is:

June 5: Myrtle Avenue Veterinary Hospital from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

June 23: Arcata Animal Hospital from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m.

June 28: Broadway Animal Hospital from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

July 9: Sunny Brae Animal Clinic from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Appointments are not necessary, but please call ahead prior to bringing your pet.

## Shooting banned within half mile of state highway

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

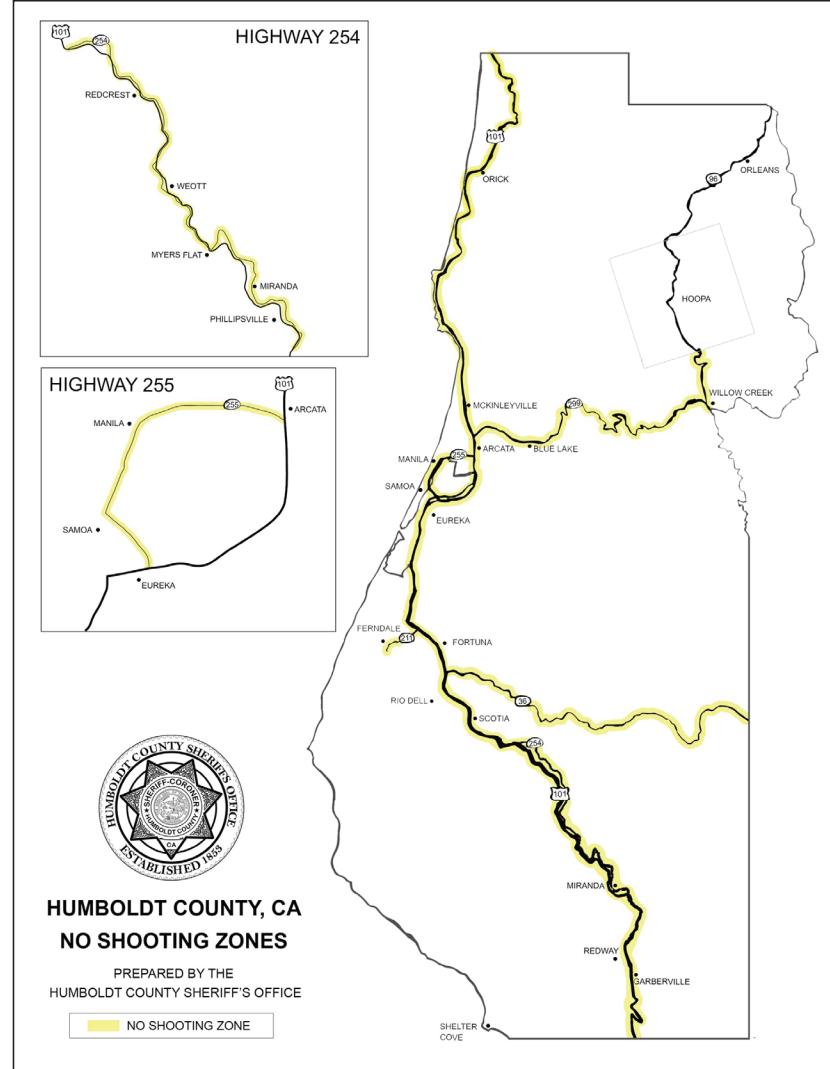
HUMBOLDT — The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office has received an increased number of reports regarding unsafe target shooting on the Eel River bar near Fernbridge putting residents and livestock at risk.

The Sheriff's Office reminds the public that pursuant to Humboldt County Code Section 915.5, target shooting with firearms is prohibited on the Eel River bar/near Fernbridge.

Humboldt County Code prohibits target shooting with firearms in a public place within one-half mile of any state highway (915.5-6). Additionally, areas utilized for target shooting must have a 20-foot-tall backdrop of earth behind the target (915.5-8).

The Eel River bar near Fernbridge is within one-half mile of a state highway and does not have the required safe shooting backdrop, therefore, it is unlawful under County Code to conduct target shooting in that area. Violation of this code is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment, or both (915.5-9).

Additional locations prohibiting the discharge of firearms can be reviewed at [humboldt.county.ca.gov/codes/Code/915](http://humboldt.county.ca.gov/codes/Code/915).



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Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.



**GONE TO POT** One of the marijuana grows eradicated in SoHum.

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## Bevy of agencies descends on illegal SoHum cannabis grows, issues multiple citations

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HUMBOLDT — On May 25, deputies with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET) served five search warrants to investigate illegal cannabis cultivation in Southern Humboldt County.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services Environmental Health — HazMat Unit, Humboldt County Code Enforcement, CalFire and the California State Water Resources Control Board assisted in the service of the warrants.

Five parcels were investigated during the service of the warrants.

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The parcels did not possess the required county permit and state license to cultivate cannabis commercially.

During the service of the warrants, deputies eradicated approximately 21,028 growing cannabis plants.

Deputies seized and destroyed over 40 pounds of cannabis bud. Deputies also located and seized one firearm.

Assisting agencies found the following violations:

- Six water diversion violations (up to \$8,000 fine per day, per violation)

• Sixteen depositing trash in or near a waterway violations (up to \$20,000 fine per day, per violation)

Additional violations with civil fines are expected to be filed by the assisting agencies.

No arrests were made during the service of the warrant. The case will be forwarded to the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office for review.

Anyone with information about this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

## Rapidly diminishing opportunities for snitty petulance not left unexploited

**Saturday, May 8 11:57 p.m.** Fully tanked up with alcohol, a motorcyclist departed an L Street restaurant with a bold display of lawlessness by riding away in the bike lane.

**Sunday, May 9 2:26 a.m.** Upper Bayside Road resonated with the piteous cries of a man urging someone, anyone to call the police and wailing to the cosmos about where oh where was his missing weed.

**2:53 a.m.** A caller from Janes Court requested assistance with a youth he claimed was stuck in a toilet, but the shapeshifting tale gave signs of being a particularly unfortunate hallucination.

**2:59 a.m.** A man turned up at a Bayside Road apartment shirtless and bloodied by unknown forces.

**9:14 a.m.** A man lying on the ground next to a pink building on Fourth Street was described as twitching, but not severely enough to prevent him from taking off his pants.

**11:08 a.m.** A man at St. Louis Road and Janes Creek Drive busied himself with a daunting set of tasks: kneeling, grunting and taking off his shoes.

**1:13 p.m.** A Bayside Cutoff Road

resident came home to find a Silver Audi parked all the way down his driveway and a man outside it smoking a cigarette. He confronted the invasive smoke breaker and took his picture, and which point he hopped in the car and left.

**1:37 p.m.** A person present during the previous night's Bayside Road strife reported a man punching him several times, breaking some of his face bones.

**5:19 p.m.** At HSU's 14th Street portal Some drummers' percussory chortle

Inserted distraction

To studying action

Or so said a student-type mortal

**6:50 p.m.** Someone was seen at Van Dyke Court and Kit Street using a vehicle to drag a dog by a wire.

**7:11 p.m.** A man in a white GMC Safari was reported dragging a dog by a wire at Giuntoli Lane and Boyd Road, with the dog bleeding profusely. The caller followed the SUV to a nearby mobile home park and asked for police to contact the driver.



Catalytic converter thieves again tried to steal one off a 16th Street resident's car. While they did manage to sever the oxygen sensor, they couldn't capture the converter because the owner's mechanic had welded steel bars into place that blocked their cutters.

**9:30 a.m.** A young mountain lion spent a couple of nights in a Bayside Roader's backyard.

**11:12 a.m.** A 17th Street resident's catalytic converter was stolen overnight.

**11:30 p.m.** A J Streeter's catalytic converter was stolen overnight.

**1:21 p.m.** A dreadlocked, bearded Sisyphus incarnate on West End Road pushed boulders into the roadway, his pointless purpose unknown.

**2:08 p.m.** A mother giving her child a birthday present at Janes Road and Weeot Way became so upset that she ripped the door off a car.

**5:52 p.m.** A one-man opportunist swarmed at Samoa Boulevard and H Street spent the day tugging on vehicle doorhandles, pulling on antennas and rummaging through garbage in the area, max-

imizing his chances to encounter unsecured property that could then be his, all his.

**7:30 p.m.** A 15th Street resident lived post-pandemic life to its fullest, blasting music and smashing things in his front yard with a bat.

**Tuesday, May 11 3:39 a.m.** After attempting to climb in someone's Benjamin Court bathroom window, a man rode off on a bicycle with a resident giving chase. Police caught up with and arrested the inebriated intruder on a public drunkenness charge.

**8:30 a.m.** Someone entered an Alliance Road apartment, stole his video game and rummaged his entertainment assets.

**9:15 a.m.** A Zelia Court resident recorded video of a person inside his car, then attempting to enter his home. Stolen were face masks and a flashlight.

**9:38 a.m.** A 12th Street Prius was denuded of its catalytic converter overnight.

**3:14 p.m.** Two brown and black pit bull mixes got loose on Beverly Drive and attacked another dog in an ongoing issue.

**3:15 p.m.** An I Street businessperson saw his own work truck, stolen from out front of his shop, max-

being driven eastbound on Samoa Boulevard.

**4:16 p.m.** A she-fusspot being escorted out of a Valley West business conducted whatever residual snittiness was still available to her by knocking over several shopping carts, crowning the petulant frenzy with a dramatic flourish.

**4:42 p.m.** A man totting a machete went from business to business in Valley West, intentions unclear.

**8:14 p.m.** A woman wearing black sweats parked in her neighbors' G Street driveways, with arguments ensuing. Her position in the controversy is that she owns their houses, or so she says.

**Wednesday, May 12 12:44 a.m.** A woman called from a Samoa Boulevard apartment complex to complain that her husband keeps stealing stuff, including her credit cards and catalytic converters. Then the line disconnected.

**2:59 a.m.** A man and his trash-can-igniting ways weren't wanted at a Heindon Road diner.

**3:35 a.m.** A machete-brandishing man attempted to rob a Valley West mini-mart.

**8:39 a.m.** A man was reported smashing out vehicle windows with a crowbar at 12th and K streets.

# OPINIONNEWS

## Banana Republicans

I am back to being a political junkie. This disturbing trait has been dormant for many years, but was reawakened by the election of Orange Hair and has somehow not diminished, as I live in constant agitation as to what comes next.

As a political junkie I have been reading anything and everything that suits my fancy. I do not normally read *The Atlantic* as I have always considered the publication to be too conservative for my tastes.

But this morning, *MS News* has a link to an opinion piece titled, "The GOP Now Stands for Nothing." I have quoted the opening paragraph as an accurate description of what is happening in the Congress today.

The Republicans in Congress are blocking a bipartisan investigation into the January 6 insurrection. Their spines crushed by years of obedience to Donald Trump, the members of the GOP have once again retreated from civic responsibility, with one more humiliation of those last few in the party who thought that the Senate Republicans might mimic something like statesmanship. However, this effort is more than the usual cynical mendacity and crass careerism that characterize the current Republican Party. This latest insult to the rule of law and the Constitution was possible only because the Republicans have already lost

## LETTERS

confidence in their own principles. The GOP now stands for nothing. The party of Lincoln has become, in every way, a political and moral nullity." — Tom Nichols, *The Atlantic*, May 28, 2021.

I have never run for office as I have always known that I do not have an inclination to govern. I do not like compromise, especially when I think I am right, I lack the patience to wade through pages and pages of documents and I lose my temper when confronted with complete stupidity.

I realized last year that I get two C-Span channels on my cable. I do not watch all the time, but when something important comes along, I get to see "governing" in action. I am embarrassed for our nation, by the childish and churlish antics of our elected representatives. The latest fight is over a funding a 911-style commission to look into the January 6 Insurrection.

First, the Republicans try to convince us that what we all witnessed on January 6 was not an insurrection and even if it was, Trump had nothing to do with it. Imagine the hubris it takes to tell us that we, and the entire world, did not see what we saw. Then they try to convince us that we do not need to investigate it with all the power of the federal government because other agencies will do that well enough.

This is careerism at its finest. They are afraid for their jobs. They are afraid of the public finding out how many of them were active participants in the planning and carrying out of the actions that day. To accomplish this, they have invoked the rule in the Senate that requires 60 votes to pass the bill. They have bragged to all that this is a done deal.

Then the mother of one of the policemen, killed on that day, goes to DC to talk to Republicans. Horror of horrors she makes some headway and now the Republicans want to "work" the vote.

Last night they forced a quorum call, where senators are called to the chamber to talk about a vote. When some of the Senators do not appear, those present were forced to take a vote to have the Senate Sargent at Arms summon the senators. When they finally come together, they start to wrangle, to delay, anything to keep from taking a vote. Is this really how our government is supposed to work? The Republicans in congress have turned our country into what is called "Third-world". We have all the riches in the world but not the sense.

Another opinion piece, read by this political junkie, coined the term "Banana Republicans." Maybe that is the new political party. Good luck to us all.

Thank you for listening,  
Jan Phelps  
Arcata

## Trump Crime Family

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance, Jr. just announced the impaneling of a special grand jury focused on the Trump Crime Family/Organization, not long after New York state Attorney General Letitia James notified the public the state's civil investigation of the Trumps has now become a criminal inquiry as well.

No wonder desperate Donald Trump drew his infamous "red line" prohibiting Justice Department investigators from looking into the Trump Crime Family's crooked, fraudulent finances while Trump was in office.

Too bad for delusional orange-collar criminal Donald, but his red-flagging of his own criminal business enterprise (in addition to unsuccessfully attempting to hide his tax returns for so long) led legal authorities to right where Trump's business bodies are buried. And now they're being dug up.

Indictments are sure to follow. You don't create a special grand jury to last for six months for nothing. Deranged Donald and his evil brood had better find a better lawyer than Rudy "Tutti Frutti" Giuliani, otherwise the Trumps can expect a long, less than luxurious stay at Rikers Island penitentiary.

Sincerely,  
Jake Pickering  
Arcata

## Humboldt County Teen Court offers proven model for decarceration

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE REDWOODS

HUMBOLDT — Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Teen Court is a community-based program with over 20 years of experience in actively helping local youth avoid system involvement through an exceptionally successful diversion program.

We accomplish our goals by giving youth an opportunity to experience peer led accountability through supportive personal growth opportunities instead of punishments.

We are an existing Humboldt County program that invests in our community and actively supports decarceration. Since we have experience with the concept behind decarceration, we would like to take this opportunity to help explain what our work is.

There is a shift gaining mainstream momentum in how we think about adolescent misbehavior and the interplay of trauma. With this shift, we find community appetite for redirecting funds away from the juvenile justice institution into funding community health and social service programs that can work, like ours, to help change the course of lives. With outcome-based programs and services robustly in place, community members can

help to solve complex problems that aren't addressed adequately through law enforcement alone.

As a youth service organization, Teen Court is pleased that Governor Newsom has enacted SB 823 legislation that is shutting down our California state youth prisons. Newsom says "Juvenile justice should be about helping kids imagine and pursue new lives — not jump-starting the revolving door of the criminal justice system," Newsom said. "The system should be helping these kids unpack trauma and adverse experiences many have suffered."

The Teen Court program is dedicated to helping youth avoid system involvement in the first place. It has become clear that there is an overlap between trauma, drug use, housing instability, and mental health issues in youth and adults. When criminalized, our family, friends, or neighbors who struggle with these issues are often led further, not closer, to healthier community-based treatments and solutions. The idea is to work towards dismantling social inequities and ensure funding

for upstream-type programs and networks to address unmet needs before they put people at risk of entering the criminal system.

At Teen Court, youth volunteers collaborate to connect young people in the first throes of trouble with individualized support. Our youth volunteers are not apathetic

restorative justice principles. We are actively restoring and transforming lives. I have observed my struggling peers receive attention and the opportunity to be heard and understood. I have been part of developing plans to help someone find a new path toward success. The recidivism rate for participants of Teen Court is notably lower than that of those who are put through the traditional system. Most importantly, I have personally witnessed my fellow youth gain new perspectives on life.

I have run into these same young people at their first jobs and participating for the first time in their lives, in high school clubs. I know that this kind of solution-oriented service works to reorient real lives toward successful futures because I have been part of making it happen."

People, individuals, and communities can come together and help each other address harms. At Teen Court, we do this week after week on a community level. To quote Ella Baker Center Executive Director Zach Norris, as our society works "to divest from

youth incarceration, the next step is to invest resources in creating more opportunities for young people, including community services, mental health support, job training, and restorative justice practices." Teen Court is invested in creating this better world.

To learn more about Humboldt County Teen Court, visit [hcteencourt.org](http://hcteencourt.org) or [hcteencourt@bgcredwoods.org](mailto:hcteencourt@bgcredwoods.org).

Get involved with Humboldt County Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDPCH) to be part of imagining a new way forward, as we are closing California youth prisons: [Facebook.com/JJDPCCHC](https://Facebook.com/JJDPCCHC) or [humboldt.jjdpch@gmail.com](mailto:humboldt.jjdpch@gmail.com).

### Upcoming events

Teen Court's 20th Anniversary Virtual Celebration: virtual open house, video premiere and T-shirt giveaways. The Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Teen Court program celebrates their 20th anniversary with a virtual open house on Friday, June 4 from 4 to 4:40 p.m., virtually on Zoom. [facebook.com/hcteencourt](https://facebook.com/hcteencourt)

JJDPC event: Closing California Youth Prisons ~ A New Way Forward: Friday, June 4 from noon to 2 p.m. This event will be held virtually at [zoom.us/j/94534825549](https://zoom.us/j/94534825549).

**MARSH TOUR** Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, June 5 from 8:30 to 11 a.m., with leader Gary Friedrichsen. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding. Reservations are required and space is limited. Please visit [rras.org](http://rras.org) for COVID-19 participation guidelines. Contact [shrikethree@gmail.com](mailto:shrikethree@gmail.com)

that is being made on local trail projects and get an update from State Senator Mike McGuire on the recent progress being made to realize the vision of the Great

Redwood Trail. Hank Seeman, deputy director, Environmental Services, Humboldt County Public Works Department, will provide updates on the Humboldt Bay Trail, the McKay

Community Forest, and other developments in Humboldt County. On-location videos will connect you with ongoing work to develop trails and inspire you to engage with other trail enthusiasts in supporting visionary efforts to connect communities through trails. The public is encouraged to send their questions about trails in advance to [Trails-Summit@humtrails.org](mailto:Trails-Summit@humtrails.org). Register for the webinar at [zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_UAt/CXK8ToOoZAo2weoGw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UAt/CXK8ToOoZAo2weoGw). More details about the event and how to connect will be available at [humtrails.org](http://humtrails.org) or Facebook

page: Humboldt Trails Council – Home. The Humboldt Trails Summit is sponsored by the Humboldt Trails Council in collaboration with the Humboldt Bay Trail Working Group, the County of Humboldt, and the many organizations, jurisdictions and agencies working on behalf of expanding non-motorized trail access.

**FOAM TOUR** Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, June 5. Meet leader Elliott Dabill at 2 p.m. in front of the Interpretive Center – which should be open to the public – for a 90-minute walk focusing on the ecology of the marsh. Tours are limited to 15 people, on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring a mask and be prepared to social distance outside of your family group. This tour will be canceled if Humboldt County returns to the Red COVID tier. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

**BLUE LAKE COTTONWOODS** Join Redwood Region Audubon

Society Field Trip Coordinator, Janelle Chojnacki on a tour of the Blue Lake Cottonwoods on Sunday, June 6 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. This is the first, in a series of first Sundays of the month bird watching trips led by women birders for women and girls; focused on creating inclusive, collaborative spaces for both novice and experienced female birders. Reservations are required and space is limited. Please visit [rras.org](http://rras.org) for COVID-19 participation guidelines. Contact [janelle.choj@gmail.com](mailto:janelle.choj@gmail.com) for further information and to make a reservation.

**EQUATORIAL BORNEO** Redwood Region Audubon Society invites you to an online presentation on Friday, June 11 at 7 p.m., titled "Ornithology in Equatorial Borneo – On the Brink of Discovery" with Dan Froehlich. He will share an update on research he is conducting in some of the hottest forests on earth, right equator in Malaysian Borneo. The team he works with is tracking

Gray-headed Babbler with juvenile feather

PHOTO BY DAN FROEHLICH

down the life history cycles of little-known understory birds with curious names like Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler and Hook-billed Bulbul and bringing to light interesting patterns in the strategies they have evolved in these ancient habitats. Come and get distracted by the amazing creatures and adventures encountered along the way – and the sobering reality of some of these last great places on earth where the elusive Bornean Bristlehead ominously appears out of nowhere and only vestiges of the kingdom of the Black-naped Monarch remain. Visit [rras.org](http://rras.org) to obtain the Zoom presentation link.



Dan Froehlich



Third Place 2020:  
Shekina McCullough  
(Grade 7), Forks of  
Salmon Elementary,  
Spotted Owl

# SCENE



First Place 2021: Brighton Winfield  
(Grades 2-3), Union Street Charter,  
Spotted Towhee



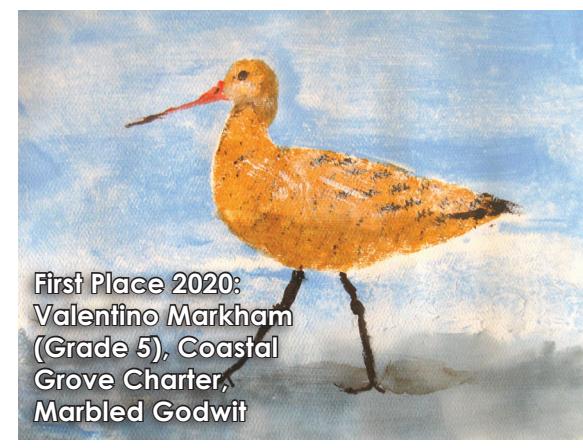
Second Place 2021:  
Annabelle Pastori  
(Grades 10-12),  
Academy of the Red-  
woods, Blue Jay



First Place 2021: Francisco Tovar  
(Grades 5-6), Northern United  
Charter, Ferruginous Hawk



First Place 2020:  
Bony  
McKnight (Grade 3),  
Coastal  
Grove Charter,  
Peregrine Falcon



First Place 2020:  
Valentino Markham  
(Grade 5), Coastal  
Grove Charter,  
Marbled Godwit

**STUDENT BIRD ART** During June, July, and August, copies of winning artwork from both the 2020 and 2021 annual Student Bird Art Contests will be on display at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, 569 South G St. The center, which has been closed to the general public for over a year, will re-open during weekends only between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., starting on Saturday, June 5. Masking and other COVID safety protocols will be in place. The contest, which has been co-sponsored for 18 years by Friends of the Arcata Marsh and Redwood Region Audubon Society, receives entries from K-12 students throughout Humboldt County. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

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## 'Cool Solutions' to climate change

I'm continually amazed by the wonderful things that are created in our little community.

In September 2018, a new radio show and podcast about climate change hit the airwaves. Called "Cool Solutions," it is produced in Bayside by Wendy Ring.

Wendy is known to many for her former work as physician director of the Mobile Medical Clinic. Since her retirement, she has become a full-time climate activist. This interest started back in 2014, when she embarked, with husband Michael, on the first of several extended bike trips across the U.S. which turned into speaking tours about climate issues.

These climate road shows became an annual project, and soon included "Dogs to the Rescue," a puppet show about two dogs who train their humans how to stop climate change.

Wendy didn't just speak to the choir. She talked anywhere she could get her foot in the door to folks of all ages, varied backgrounds and political persuasions.

What she found was interesting. People listened. Attentively. But they didn't know what to do about what they were hearing. The issues were so complex and the problem so big. Where to start?

As Wendy points out, climate change reaches into every aspect of our lives. Agriculture and food production, transportation, energy production and consumption, water management, waste and



PODCASTERS Wendy Ring and Brian Curtis, the voices of "Cool Solutions."

SUBMITTED PHOTO

plastics, health care... all are pieces of the puzzle.

But solutions will not come from Washington D.C. or multinational corporations. Sure, they have their role, but practical

solutions come at the local level, when communities get involved and innovate new strategies to help both themselves and the planet. And on her climate tours, Wendy saw lots of examples of real, implementable action at the local level.

Enter "Cool Solutions." Each 28-minute podcast is about real people implementing a very specific action to impact climate change.

The stories focus not on what is lost in addressing climate change, but rather what is gained by addressing it effectively.

Episodes often include a toolkit of resources to help the listener follow the progress of a project, get more information, or get something started in their own community.

To help record the podcast, which is researched, written and produced en-

tirely in her Bayside home office (oh the wonders of technology!), Wendy enlisted the voice of Brian Curtis, another Bayside resident, known to many as a DJ and former KHSU radio host.

The two of them weave together guest interviews, background research, musical clips and a cool sound effect or two, into stories that are entertaining and informative, and just might prod you into action.

"Cool Solutions" is released on the 10th of each month and is available live on many public radio stations and by podcast. There are no ads, and it is free. The website [cool-solutions.org](http://cool-solutions.org) has a partial list of radio stations, links to past episodes and toolkits, and links to subscribe on your computer or smartphone.

Check it out, and if you like what you hear, subscribe (it's free). That helps them to know how many people the show reaches.

Got Bayside news? Suggestion of an interesting Bayside project, resident or business that should be better known to the community?

Let me know at [bayside-communityhall@gmail.com](mailto:bayside-communityhall@gmail.com) or (707) 599-3192!

## Procession from the Creamery Dist. to Valley West

### ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

ARCATA — Playhouse Arts presents *Migrations*, an original ensemble-created multi-disciplinary, multicultural performance project premiering September 2021.

It involves dance, theater, movement, masks, puppets, projections, poetry, storytelling, and more.

The structure of this production is a procession: we will start at the Creamery District and finish with a celebratory parade at Valley West.

The procession stops at various locations where different cultural groups will share their work, play and culture.

The Playhouse will provide maps and a schedule so participants can choose to join them for the whole event, or just part of it.

*Migrations* will use the research and

community outreach that Playhouse Arts continues to develop to broaden and deepen our relationships as humans.

The Playhouse and their partners will look at who we are through the lens of migration in Humboldt, to find the connective tissue that binds us to this part of the Earth today, and to look at the systemic inequities and history that have driven us to this point – to realize, to empathize and to be compelled to just action.

The parade at the end of the procession will be for all of us to participate in and celebrate with music, giant puppets, and more! There will be food upon arrival.

More event details will be released in the coming months.

Please visit the Playhouse website to keep up to date on this upcoming event.

[arcataplayhouse.org](http://arcataplayhouse.org)

**ART TOUR** On Sunday June 27 the Redwood Art Association will tour the Oliver Ranch Foundation, one of the San Francisco Bay area's finest private art collections. Located 70 miles north of San Francisco in the rolling hills of Sonoma County, the foundation features 18 site-specific sculptural installations spread out over 100 acres. The collection, owned and curated by Steve and Nancy Oliver, hosts sculptures and works of architecture by internationally acclaimed artists such as Andy Goldsworthy, Richard Serra, Ann Hamilton and Ursula Von Rydingsvard. The tour length is two to three hours. The tour covers approximately 2.5 miles with 600 feet of elevation change. The experience can be likened to that of a light hike in the woods, as the paths are unpaved. The tour is not wheelchair accessible, and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Masks and safe social distancing are required. All proceeds from this excursion will be donated to the Redwood Art Association to assist in developing public art projects and programming for emerging artists. For more information or to sign up, please visit the Redwood Art Association website at [redwoodart.us/fundraiser/oliver.htm](http://redwoodart.us/fundraiser/oliver.htm).

## Dell'Arte closes masters program

### DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL

BLUE LAKE — In an effort to strengthen the Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre's flagship Professional Training Program (PTP) and undergo a curriculum review process, the postsecondary school is phasing out the Master of Fine Arts program in Ensemble-Based Physical Theatre.

Difficulties related to the three-year program's financial sustainability before and during the pandemic, paired with Dell'Arte's stated goals for the next few years, resulted in Dell'Arte leadership making the challenging decision to close the program, school officials said.

"Saying goodbye (for now) to the MFA program will give Dell'Arte the opportunity to focus attention on existing programs, including the one-year PTP, while working on strategic development for future offerings," said Maricela Aceves Wexler, Dell'Arte Collective Leadership Council member. "This also provides space for Dell'Arte's faculty to carry out an ongoing pedagogical and curricular 'review and renew' process."

The MFA class of 2021, which is the final cohort of the program, recently completed thesis performances and is slated to graduate in June. The theatre school, which has been in Blue Lake since 1975, boasts more than 1,000 MFA and PTP graduates from six continents, 38 countries and 41 U.S. states.

"Phasing out a program that was the first of its kind in the theater field and higher education in North America was a painful and heart-wrenching decision," said Managing Director Alyssa Hughlett, who graduated from the program in 2015.

"For years, Dell'Arte's MFA program was the only graduate theatre program of its kind, which allowed students from all over the world (and down the block) to be immersed in the craft of actor-created theatre. Dell'Arte can take pride in the fact that it led the way in this regard and we hope to see another transformative program emerge in a few years' time."

Dell'Arte will retain its accreditation and school officials will consider relaunching the MFA program in two to three years, after thoughtful consideration, planning and preparation.

Dell'Arte has developed a Strategic Action Plan for 2021-2023. The challenges of this last year amid a pandemic, with no PTP class, and ongoing racial equity development, propelled Dell'Arte toward necessary review and expansions of organizational development planning and action, Wexler said.

"We're looking forward to celebrating this year's graduates, hosting summer online workshops, welcoming audiences back to the outdoor Rooney Amphitheater for the Baduwa't Festival and having PTP students back in Dell'Arte's studios for in-person classes this fall," she said.

## Star students at McKinleyville High

### SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ARCATA

ARCATA — Soroptimist International of Arcata has awarded \$2,500 from the Cynthia Schwenson Scholarship Fund to seniors attending the Northern Humboldt Union High School District.

Alysa Cringle is graduating from McKinleyville High School and plans to attend Chico State University this fall majoring in Science of Nursing with double minors in Global Public Health and Spanish.

For the past four years, Alysa has been an avid participant in student government serving as class historian and class president. She serves as a Link Leader, a peer mentor program that encourages students to make responsible decisions.

She is also a member of GenUP Humboldt Chapter; is secretary of Interact Club; and is the student board representative for McKinleyville High School. Under the tutelage of Soroptimist International of Arcata, Alysa was instrumental in forming the S-Club, a campus organization aimed at improving the lives of women and girls on the global and local levels.

Alysa saw this as an opportunity to harness a community of women dedicated to solving gender-based social issues. She

serves as S-Club's first president. Alysa's volunteer activities include work in the Mad River Community Hospital's Birth Center. In addition to holding CPR and First Aid certifications, last summer she added Blood Borne Pathogen and HIPPA certifications. Alysa also volunteers for her school's community event, Read Across Macktown.

Anastasiya Briggs is also a student at McKinleyville High School. She will be graduating a year early and plans to attend Humboldt State University where she will pursue a degree in Criminal Justice.

Ana is involved in cheerleading and the wrestling program and has worked on the school yearbook. She has volunteered for the Family Resource Center food bank; Sources of Strength, offering suicide prevention help; and Adopt-a-Highway waste clean-up.

Anastasiya did an internship for the Ink People Center for Threads. She also worked on fundraisers for the Rotary Club. Her interests lie in painting, ceramics and metal forging and has recently worked for Wallace & Hinz the Great Bar Company as a woodworker. Currently she works for Mad River Gardens.



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## Dusty and Tico, eager and friendly

**W**eek 63. Here are a few updates from recent columns.

Big beautiful German Shepherd Jasper found his forever home in Crescent City. He was a great example of how hard it can be to see a dog's best qualities when they are kenneled at the shelter. His new owner adores him and says he is perfect! The Loleta pups continue to improve. Just last week scaredy girl Chloe started to allow pets and is now sporting a collar, a huge step forward!

All five of the pups still at the shelter are on the leash-walking continuum now, from Chloe dragging a leash while playing in the yard to Finn who can't wait to show his adopter-to-be what a great walker he is!

This is really rescue at its

finest – teamwork between animal control, shelter staff, Redwood Pals and volunteers – that results in seven puppies taken from abandonment in the brush to becoming friendly, trained, adoptable pet dogs.

One more piece of the Team Loleta Pups has been the other dogs at the shelter. They have been exemplary in their patience with the youngsters. Some are their play yard pals and others have been helped by just sitting quietly at the front of their kennels when the pups walk by. They seem to understand; even those that usually bark are quiet so as not to scare the pups.

Tico and Dusty are two of our adoptable dogs that have

been good helpers.

Tico is a lovely four-year-old chocolate brown male. He appears to be a mix of Labrador and Pit Bull. Tico first came to the shelter last October. He had moved over to the adoptable area when his owner showed up and took him home. This time his owner ever came forward despite numerous attempts to contact them. Tico is well out of the puppy stage and able to focus on obedience skills. When asked he has displayed a good sit, decent leash manners and a willingness to learn more.

Tico's special skill is his ability to steer a big ball around the play yard with

exacting accuracy! The first time I saw him drive the ball through a tunnel, between the weave poles and over a ramp I thought it was amazing luck. I have since seen this show many times and there is no randomness to his ball-handling skills! FIFA should be calling any day!

Equally impressive is that he is accepting if the ball is removed and will move on to another activity. Tico would love a home with a big yard and some soccer-playing children to share it with! Tico weighs in at about 60 pounds.

Dusty is another Labbie/Pittie type male dog. This bigger boy is just over a year old. He is often admired for his lovely sable coat and intelligent golden eyes. Dusty is still puppyish in his love for toys. He will meet his volunteer walker at the kennel door with one of his prizes in



Dusty



Tico

the volunteers laugh. Dusty weighs in at about 70 pounds.

Tico and Dusty are both neutered, micro-chipped and current on their vaccinations. Neither of these boys are great candidates for a home with cats. They are available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter.

The shelter is still doing dog intros by appointment so call (707) 840-9132 to schedule. The shelter will start having extended hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays again beginning June 15. Currently they are open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Crime | Rising

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Ahearn expects a further rise in online crime reporting as the community becomes familiar with the option. He said APD will, over the next year, convert to full online reporting, with a terminal available at the police station. Those who can't manage will still be able to have an officer come and take a report. The chief agreed with Committee-member David Pate that the online reporting option is useful for those not comfortable with interfacing with police officers.

Ahearn couldn't pinpoint any one reason why crime is rising in Arcata and elsewhere. "There's just a lot of unrest right now," he said. "As far as Arcata's concerned, I really can't say and I don't want to speculate."

He acknowledged the recent explosion in thefts of catalytic converters, saying that APD is aware of more than 30 reported cases. Thefts of the \$3,000 units are being driven by skyrocketing prices for platinum. Two arrests have been made, though "clearly, they're not the only two that are doing this," Ahearn said.

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**MAY 12TH 1820** - Florence Nightingale known as "The Lady with the Lamp" was born.

- She was a british nurse who changed how nursing was viewed and made it the honorable vocation that it is today.
- She became the authority on sanitation in hospitals and field hospitals in war.

**AUG 13TH 1910** - She died at home at 90 years old.

**MAR 11TH 1918** - The Spanish Flu was discovered at Camp Funston in Fort Riley, Kansas.

- The Spanish Flu pandemic killed an estimated 50 Million victims, wiping out whole families, leaving widows, widowers, and orphans in its wake.

**APR 1920** - The Spanish flu ended and our understanding of viruses and influenza truly began.

**MAY 12TH 1921** - As a way to recognize and bolster support for Hospitals and those working for them after the spanish flu pandemic, Hospital day was celebrated on what would have been Florence Nightingale's 101st birthday.

**1953** - National Hospital day was made into a week sponsored by the American Hospital Association to give hospitals more time to educate the public on health.

**MAY 12TH 2021** - Was the 100th anniversary of hospital day as we continue to work through another historic global pandemic.



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